[Mr. A. Thanu Pillai.]

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, why that Committee was dissolved ;

(*c*) whether there is any other agency in the State which now functions in its place ;

(*d*) whether they have received any representation from any such agency for a grant to enable that body to carry on its work on behalf of the ex-war-service men of the State;

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the affirmative, the orders, if any, passed thereon ; and

(*f*) whether they are aware that there are now numerous distressed ex-war-service men in the State seeking help and relief ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (1) The Government have no information, but they are making enquiries.

(2) (*a*) No.

(*b*) The Committee was dissolved in pursuance of its resolution recommending its dissolution on the ground that the objects of the Committee and that of the newly formed War Service Men's Association were identical and that its continuance was no longer necessary.

(*c*) The member is referred to the answer to part (*b*) above.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The matter is under consideration.

(*f*) The Government have no information about the number of ex-war-service men who are in distressed circumstances.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : With reference to part (*f*), are the Government aware that there are at least some ex-war-service men seeking relief ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There must be a few. Whether they are in distressed circumstances or not, Government are not aware.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Are the Government aware that there are a number of such men to whom the Government have not rendered any help after they returned from service in the war ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There may be a few.

Motor Buses plying between Nagercoil and Trivandrum.

313. **MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI** (*Tovala*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Traffic authorities are in the habit of verifying the time taken by each bus running between Nagercoil and Trivandrum for each journey ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes. This is done by the local Police.

Vagaries of Conductors of Motor Buses.

314. **MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI** (*Tovala*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that conductors of certain buses running in South Travancore refuse to take people to intermediate stations and at times demand extraordinary fares for the same from them ?

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MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The answer is in the negative.

C. I. D. Officers at Public Functions in connection with Mr. M. E. Watts' Retirement.

315. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether, in connection with the public functions at Trivandrum on the 21st and the 22nd June connected with the retirement of Mr. M. E. Watts, from Dewanship, any C. I. D. Officers were deputed ;

(*b*) if so, the names of those officers ;

(*c*) the purpose of the deputation ;

(*d*) whether any C. I. D. Officers were deputed for duty at Bhaktivilas on the aforesaid two days ;

(*e*) if so, their names and purpose of the deputation ;

(*f*) whether they will lay on the table a copy of the report of the C. I. D. Officers ;

(*g*) which authority deputed the C. I. D. Officers ;

(*h*) whether he had the sanction or the permission of the Government to do so ;

(*i*) who (which officer) issued that sanction or permission ; and

(*j*) who communicated it ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*); (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) to (*j*) These questions do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : With reference to the answer to part (*a*) of the question, are the Government aware whether any of the officers attended those functions ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government have no information.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Did the Government enquire after the question was asked ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): This is the first information that the Government had.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : My question is, did the Government make an enquiry after the question was sent to them ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes, the Commissioner of Police was asked and he says nothing was done.

Mr. Velayudha Menon's reported appointment as High Court Judge.

316. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to newspaper reports that Mr. K. P. Velayudha Menon of Madura had been appointed as a Judge of the High Court of Travancore ; and

(*b*) whether they know or whether they have enquired how these reports arose ?

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